REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 30-43 were previously pending in the application. Claim 41 is canceled and claims 30-31 are amended herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 30-40 and 42-43 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

In paragraph 1 of the final office action, the Examiner rejected claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Uddenfeldt. In paragraph 2, the Examiner objected to claims 31-36 and 40-43 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In paragraph 3, the Examiner allowed claims 37-39. For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all of the now-pending claims are allowable over Uddenfeldt.

Claim 30 has been amended to include the features of previously pending claim 41. As such, currently amended claim 30 is equivalent to previously pending claim 41 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 41 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that currently amended claim 30 is allowable. Since claims 31-36, 40, and 42-43 depend variously from claim 30, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant submits therefore that the rejection under Section 102(b) has been overcome.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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